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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Absolute Home Phones, Inc., Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile and Absolute Mobile, Inc. Revised Compliance Plan; WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 5, 2012, Absolute Home Phones, Inc., Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile and Absolute Mobile, Inc. ("Absolute") submitted its Compliance Plan outlining the measures it will take to implement the conditions imposed by the Commission in its *Lifeline Reform Order*.¹ Absolute has revised its Compliance Plan to: 1) clarify the use of the Absolute Mobile dba in footnote 1; 2) confirm in footnote 3 that Absolute will follow the requirements of its Compliance Plan in all states where it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income Fund; 3) provide additional detail regarding Absolute's enrollment process, Company personnel training and potential fraud detection in Sections I.B. and I.F.; 4) provide additional detail regarding Absolute's handset activation policy, and clarify the inapplicability of the policy to Absolute's wireline service, in Section I.E.; 5) correct the names of the Absolute ETCs throughout the Compliance Plan to reflect the names as listed above; 6) revise the agent use box and move the certifications closer to the signature line in the application/certification forms in Exhibit A; 7) remove the activation and usage requirement disclosure from Absolute's North Carolina application/certification form for North

¹ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report And Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (Feb. 6, 2012).

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Carolina wireline service in Exhibit A; and 8) revise Absolute's marketing samples in Exhibit B to further clarify that individuals referred by customers pursuant to Absolute's Refer-a-Friend program must be eligible to receive Lifeline service.

Absolute hereby re-submits its complete Compliance Plan with the above revisions. Based on the minor nature of these changes, Absolute reiterates its request for expeditious approval of its Compliance Plan.

This letter and revised Compliance Plan is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Universal Service Support	WC Docket No. 09-197
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization	WC Docket No. 11-42
Absolute Home Phones, Inc. Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile Absolute Mobile, Inc.	

**ABSOLUTE HOME PHONES, INC., ABSOLUTE HOME PHONES, INC. DBA ABSOLUTE
MOBILE, AND ABSOLUTE MOBILE, INC. COMPLIANCE PLAN**

Absolute Home Phones, Inc., Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile,
and Absolute Mobile, Inc. (“Absolute” or the “Companies”),¹ through their undersigned
counsel, hereby respectfully submit and request expeditious treatment of their
Compliance Plan outlining the measures they will take to implement the conditions
imposed by the Commission in its *Lifeline Reform Order*.²

¹ Absolute Home Phones, Inc. is a provider of wireline services in North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky and Alabama. Absolute Home Phones, Inc. uses the Absolute Mobile dba to provide wireless services in Nevada and Arkansas. Absolute Mobile, Inc. is a provider of wireless services in Puerto Rico. The Companies are commonly owned and closely affiliated. The Companies do not have a holding company or operating company.

² See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23, Report And Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (Feb. 6, 2012) (“*Lifeline Reform Order*”). The Company herein submits the information required by the Compliance Plan Public Notice. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance for the Submission of Compliance Plans Pursuant to*

The Companies commend the Commission's commitment to a nationwide communications system that promotes the safety and welfare of all Americans, including Lifeline customers. Absolute will comply with 911 requirements as described below and it is submitting this Compliance Plan in order to qualify for blanket forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) of the Communications Act and participate as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the Lifeline program.³

Absolute will comply fully with all conditions set forth in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, as well as with the Commission's Lifeline rules and policies more generally.⁴ This Compliance Plan describes the specific measures that the Companies intend to implement to achieve these objectives. Specifically, this Compliance Plan: (1) describes the specific measures that Absolute will take to implement the obligations contained in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, including the procedures the Companies follow in enrolling a subscriber in Lifeline and submitting for reimbursement for that subscriber from the Low-Income Fund, materials related to initial and ongoing certifications and sample marketing materials; and (2) provides a detailed description of how the Companies offer

the Lifeline Reform Order, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42, Public Notice, DA 12-314 (rel. Feb. 29, 2012).

³ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 368. Although Absolute qualifies for and seeks to avail itself of the Commission's grant of forbearance from the facilities requirement of section 214(e)(1)(A) for purposes of the federal Lifeline program, the Company reserves the right to demonstrate to a state public utilities commission that it provides service using its own facilities in a state for purposes of state universal service funding under state program rules and requirements. Absolute will follow the requirements of the Commission's Lifeline rules and this Compliance Plan in all states in which it provides Lifeline service and receives reimbursements from the federal Low-Income Fund.

⁴ In addition, this Compliance Plan is consistent with the compliance plan filed by Cricket Communications, Inc. See Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication of Cricket Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 09-197 (Sept. 23, 2011) ("Cricket Compliance Plan"). The Wireline Competition Bureau approved the Cricket Compliance Plan on February 7, 2012. See *Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Cricket Communications, Inc. Petition for Forbearance*, WC Docket No. 09-197, Order, DA 12-158 (Feb. 7, 2012).

Lifeline services, the geographic areas in which they offers services, and a detailed description of the Companies' Lifeline service plan offerings.

ACCESS TO 911 AND E911 SERVICES⁵

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, forbearance is conditioned upon each company: (1) providing its Lifeline subscribers with 911 and E911 access, regardless of activation status and availability of minutes; and (2) providing its Lifeline subscribers with E911-compliant handsets and replacing, at no additional charge to the subscriber, noncompliant handsets of Lifeline-eligible subscribers who obtain Lifeline-supported services.⁶ Absolute complied with these conditions starting on the effective date of the *Lifeline Reform Order*.

Absolute will provide its Lifeline customers with access to 911 and E911 services immediately upon activation of service. The Commission and consumers are hereby assured that all Absolute customers will have available access to emergency calling services at the time that Lifeline service is initiated, and that such 911 and E911 access will be available using the Companies' wireline service and its wireless service from Absolute handsets, even if the account associated with the handset has no minutes remaining.

The Companies' existing practices currently provide access to 911 and E911 services for all customers. The Companies use Telecom Service Bureau, Inc. ("TSB") and Reunion Communications, Inc. ("Reunion") as the underlying network providers/carriers, which resell the wireless services of Sprint Nextel. Sprint routes 911

⁵ See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

⁶ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 373.

calls from Absolute's customers in the same manner as 911 calls from Sprint's own retail customers. To the extent that Sprint is certified in a given PSAP territory, this 911 capability will function the same for the Companies. Absolute also currently enables 911 emergency calling services for all properly activated handsets regardless of whether the account associated with the handset is active or suspended. Finally, the Companies transmit all 911 calls initiated from any of its handsets even if the account associated with the handset has no remaining minutes.

With respect to its wireline services, the Companies resell the services of AT&T and AT&T routes 911 calls from Absolute's customers in the same manner as 911 calls from AT&T's own retail customers.

E911-Compliant Handsets. Absolute will ensure that all handsets used in connection with its wireless Lifeline service offering are E911-compliant. In point of fact, the Companies' phones have always been and will continue to be 911 and E911-compliant. Absolute uses phones from TSB and Sprint that have been through a stringent certification process, which ensures that the handset models used meet all 911 and E911 requirements. As a result, any existing customer that qualifies for and elects Lifeline service will already have a 911/E911-compliant handset, which will be confirmed at the time of enrollment in the Lifeline program. Any new customer that qualifies for and enrolls in the Lifeline program is assured of receiving a 911/E911-compliant handset as well, free of charge.

COMPLIANCE PLAN

I. PROCEDURES TO ENROLL A SUBSCRIBER IN LIFELINE⁷

A. Policy

Absolute will comply with the uniform eligibility criteria established in new section 54.409 of the Commission's rules (when it becomes effective on June 1, 2012), as well as any additional certification and verification requirements for Lifeline eligibility in states where the Companies are designated as an ETC.

Therefore, all subscribers will be required to demonstrate eligibility based at least on: (1) household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or (2) the household's participation in one of the federal assistance programs listed in new sections 54.409(a)(2) or 54.409(a)(3) of the Commission's rules. In addition, through the certification requirements described below, Absolute will confirm that the subscriber is not already receiving a Lifeline service and no one else in the subscriber's household is subscribed to a Lifeline service.

B. Eligibility Determination

More than 95 percent of Absolute's customer enrollment is done in-person, as opposed to over the phone or the Internet. Absolute often holds planned events at advertised locations. In addition, employees or agents ("Company personnel") may set up in specific neighborhoods at public areas where eligible customers are likely to be located. All enrollments are done electronically in real-time. Company personnel views each potential customer's government-issued photo identification and proof of eligibility

⁷ See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

to participate in the Lifeline program. The Company's agent then logs into Absolute's enrollment database using a unique agent ID and password to enroll the customer using the process outlined in this Compliance Plan. The customer checks off each certification and signs the application form electronically. The information collected from the customer is entered into the Melissa Database to validate the address and is checked against Absolute's database of Lifeline customers for any duplication. To complete the order an electronic Lifeline application form is attached to the account.

When the completed order is approved, the agent provides a handset to the customer and assists the customer to activate the phone. The customer must dial 611 and press 1 to activate. In addition, Absolute requires that the customer sign a Customer Acknowledgement Form to answer specific questions and act as a physical signature in part to acknowledge the electronic signature included on the electronic application form. The agent then assists the customer to make a test call using the handset. Customers are given a Frequently Asked Questions document that lists the Company's name, contact number and customer service information and describes how customers can check their account balance and purchase "top up" minutes. In addition, Absolute does a duplicate screen across TSB clients prior to seeking reimbursement from the federal USF fund to guard against customer overlap.

As discussed in further detail in Section I.F. below, all Company personnel that conduct such in-person enrollments are trained regarding the eligibility and certification requirements in the *Lifeline Reform Order* and this Compliance Plan, including the one-per-household requirement, and told to inform potential customers of those requirements.

New Company personnel undergo an initial mandatory training session where they are given training materials, including a compliance manual.

If Absolute cannot determine a prospective subscriber's eligibility for Lifeline by accessing income databases or program eligibility databases, Company personnel will review documentation establishing eligibility pursuant to the Lifeline rules.⁸ All personnel who interact with current or prospective customers will be trained to assist Lifeline applicants in determining whether they are eligible to participate based on the federal and state-specific income-based and/or program-based criteria. These personnel will be trained to answer questions about Lifeline eligibility, and will review required documentation to determine whether it satisfies the *Lifeline Reform Order* and state-specific eligibility requirements using state-specific checklists.⁹

Proof of Eligibility. Company personnel will be trained on acceptable documentation required to establish income-based and program-based eligibility.¹⁰ Acceptable documentation of program eligibility includes: (1) the current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (2) a notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; (3) program participation documents (*e.g.*, the consumer's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit transfer card or Medicaid participation card (or copy thereof)); or (4) another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.¹¹

⁸ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 100; section 54.410(b)(1)(i)(B), 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B); Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

⁹ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 6.

¹⁰ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 101.

¹¹ *Id.* and section 54.410(c)(1)(i)(B).

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes the prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; a Social Security statement of benefits; a Veterans Administration statement of benefits; a retirement/pension statement of benefits; an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance; or a divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months time.¹²

Company personnel will examine this documentation for each Lifeline applicant, and will record the type of documentation used to satisfy the income- or program-based criteria by checking the appropriate box on the application form.¹³ The Companies will not retain a copy of this documentation.¹⁴ Where the Company personnel conclude that proffered documentation is insufficient to establish such eligibility, Absolute will deny the associated application and inform the applicant of the reason for such rejection.¹⁵ In the event that Company personnel cannot ascertain whether documentation of a specific type is sufficient to establish an applicant's eligibility, the matter will be escalated to supervisory personnel.¹⁶

De-Enrollment for Ineligibility. If Absolute has a reasonable basis to believe that one of its Lifeline subscribers no longer meets the eligibility criteria, the Companies will notify the subscriber of impending termination in writing and in compliance with any state dispute resolution procedures applicable to Lifeline termination, and give the

¹² See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; section 54.410.(b)(1)(i)(B).

¹³ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(iii), 54.410(c)(1)(iii).

¹⁴ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶101; sections 54.410(b)(1)(ii), 54.410(c)(1)(ii).

¹⁵ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 6.

¹⁶ See *id.*

subscriber 30 days to demonstrate continued eligibility.¹⁷ A demonstration of eligibility must comply with the annual verification procedures below and found in new rule section 54.410(f), including the submission of a certification form.

C. Subscriber Certifications for Enrollment

Absolute will implement certification policies and procedures that enable consumers to demonstrate their eligibility for Lifeline assistance to Company personnel as detailed in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, together with any additional state certification requirements.¹⁸ The Companies share the Commission's concern about abuse of the Lifeline program and are thus committed to the safeguards stated herein, with the belief that these procedures will prevent the Absolute's customers from engaging in such abuse of the program, inadvertently or intentionally.¹⁹ Every applicant will be required to complete an application/certification form containing disclosures, and collecting certain information and certifications as discussed below.²⁰ Applicants that do not complete the form in person will be required to return the signed application/certification to the Companies by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. In addition, Company personnel will verbally explain the certifications to consumers when they are enrolling in person or over the phone.²¹

Disclosures. The Companies' application and certification forms will include the following disclosures: (1) Lifeline is a federal benefit and willfully making false

¹⁷ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 143; section 54.405(e)(1).

¹⁸ *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 61; section 54.410(a).

¹⁹ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 3.

²⁰ See Model Application/Certification Forms, included as Exhibit A. See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

²¹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 123.

statements to obtain the benefit can result in fines, imprisonment, de-enrollment or being barred from the program; (2) only one Lifeline service is available per household; (3) a household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses; (4) a household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers; (5) violation of the one-per-household limitation constitutes a violation of the Commission's rules and will result in the applicant's de-enrollment from the program; and (6) Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit and the applicant may not transfer his or her benefit to any other person.²²

Applications and certification forms will also state that: (1) the service is a Lifeline service, (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, and (3) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program.²³

In addition, Absolute will notify applicants for its prepaid services that the prepaid service must be personally activated by the subscriber and the service will be deactivated and the subscriber de-enrolled if the subscriber does not use the service for 60 days.²⁴

Information Collection. Absolute will also collect the following information from the applicant in the application/certification form: (1) the applicant's full name;²⁵ (2) the applicant's full residential address (P.O. Box is not sufficient²⁶); (3) whether the applicant's residential address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's billing

²² See *id.*, ¶ 121; section 54.410(d)(1).

²³ See section 54.405(c).

²⁴ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257.

²⁵ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

²⁶ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 87.

address, if different from the applicant's residential address; (5) the applicant's date of birth; (6) the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number (or the applicant's Tribal identification number, if the subscriber is a member of a Tribal nation and does not have a Social Security number); (7) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the program-based criteria, the name of the qualifying assistance program from which the applicant, his or her dependents, or his or her household receives benefits;²⁷ and (8) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline under the income-based criterion, the number of individuals in his or her household.²⁸

Applicant Certification. Consistent with new rule section 54.410(d)(3), the Companies will require the applicant to certify, under penalty of perjury, in writing or by electronic signature or interactive voice response recording,²⁹ the following: (1) the applicant meets the income-based or program-based eligibility criteria for receiving Lifeline; (2) the applicant will notify the Company within 30 days if for any reason he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for receiving Lifeline including, as relevant, if the applicant no longer meets the income-based or program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline support, the applicant is receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of the applicant's household is receiving a Lifeline benefit; (3) if the applicant is seeking to qualify for Lifeline as an eligible resident of Tribal lands, he or she lives on Tribal lands; (4) if the applicant moves to a new address, he or she will provide that new address to the Company within 30 days; (5) if the applicant provided a temporary residential address to the Company, the applicant will be required to verify his or her

²⁷ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

²⁸ See section 54.410(d)(2). See Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

²⁹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*. ¶¶ 168-69; section 54.419.

temporary residential address every 90 days; (6) the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, the applicant's household is not already receiving a Lifeline service;³⁰ (7) the information contained in the applicant's certification form is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge;³¹ (8) the applicant acknowledges that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law; and (9) the applicant acknowledges that the applicant may be required to re-certify his or her continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and the applicant's failure to re-certify as to the applicant's continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of the applicant's Lifeline benefits pursuant to the de-enrollment policy included below and in the Commission's rules.

In addition, the applicant will be required to authorize the Companies to access any records required to verify the applicant's statements on the application/certification form and to confirm the applicant's eligibility for the Companies' Lifeline credit.³² The applicant must also authorize the Companies to release any records required for the administration of the Companies' Lifeline credit program, including to USAC to be used in a Lifeline program database.³³

³⁰ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

³¹ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 5.

³² See Cricket Compliance Plan at 5.

³³ See Section 54.404(b)(9). The application/certification form will also describe the information that will be transmitted, that the information is being transmitted to USAC to ensure the proper administration of the Lifeline program and that failure to provide consent will result in the applicant being denied the Lifeline service. See *id.* See also Cricket Compliance Plan at 5.

D. Annual Verification Procedures

Absolute will annually re-certify all subscribers by querying the appropriate eligibility databases or obtaining a signed certification from each subscriber consistent with the certification requirements above and new section 54.410(d) of the Commission's rules. This certification will include a confirmation that the applicant's household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of the subscriber's knowledge, the subscriber's household is receiving no more than one Lifeline service.³⁴ Further, the verification materials will inform the subscriber that he or she is being contacted to re-certify his or her continuing eligibility for Lifeline and if the subscriber fails to respond, he or she will be de-enrolled in the program.³⁵

2012 Verification. Absolute will re-certify the eligibility of each of its existing subscribers as of June 1, 2012 on a rolling basis by the end of 2012 and report the results to USAC by January 31, 2013.³⁶ The Companies will contact subscribers via text message to their Lifeline supported telephone, or by mail, phone, email or other Internet communication. The notice will explain the actions the customer must take to retain Lifeline benefits, when Lifeline benefits may be terminated, and how to contact the Companies.

Verification De-Enrollment. Absolute will de-enroll subscribers that do not respond to the annual verification or fail to provide the required certification.³⁷ The Companies will give subscribers 30 days to respond to the annual verification inquiry. If

³⁴ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 120 and Cricket Compliance Plan at 8.

³⁵ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 145.

³⁶ See *id.*, ¶ 130.

³⁷ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 142; section 54.54.405(e)(4).

the subscriber does not respond, the Companies will send a separate written notice explaining that failure to respond within 30 days will result in the subscriber's de-enrollment from the Lifeline program. If the subscriber does not respond within 30 days, the Companies will de-enroll the subscriber within five business days.

E. Activation and Non-Usage

Absolute will not consider a prepaid subscriber activated, and will not seek reimbursement for Lifeline for that subscriber, until the subscriber activates the Absolute's prepaid service via Absolute's website or by calling the Companies' call center.³⁸ For activation of a handset provided to a new customer "in the field," successful applicants are provided a functioning handset and instructed to dial Absolute's customer service number to complete the activation process. Such calls are free of charge to the applicant. To activate a handset provided to a successful applicant by mail, upon receipt of the handset, the applicant must contact Absolute's customer service department and then press 1 to activate the service.

In addition, after service activation, the Companies will provide a de-enrollment notice to subscribers that have not used their service for 60 days. After 60 days of non-use, the Companies will provide notice to the subscriber that failure to use the Lifeline service within a 30-day notice period will result in de-enrollment.³⁹ Subscribers can

³⁸ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.407(c)(1). Although Absolute's wireline service offerings are prepaid, the Company does assess and collect a monthly fee from each wireline subscriber. Each customer is required to prepay for the Lifeline service offering chosen each month or the service is disconnected. Therefore, Absolute's wireline customers have a regular billing relationship with the Company and the activation and non-usage requirements do not apply.

³⁹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3). See Cricket Compliance Plan at 2 (stating that it did not need to implement a non-usage policy because it offered only plans with unlimited local and long distance calling).

“use” the service by: (1) completing an outbound call; (2) purchasing minutes from Company to add to the subscriber’s plan; (3) answering an incoming call from a party other than Companies; or (4) responding to a direct contact from the Companies and confirming that the subscriber wants to continue receiving the service.⁴⁰

If the subscriber does not respond to the notice, the subscriber will be de-enrolled and Absolute will not request further Lifeline reimbursement for the subscriber. The Companies will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.⁴¹ The Companies’ wireline service offering assesses a monthly charge on the subscribers and, consequently, the requirements of this section do not apply.

F. Additional Measures to Prevent Waste, Fraud and Abuse

To supplement its verification and certification procedures, and to better ensure that customers understand the Lifeline service restrictions with respect to duplicates, the Companies will implement measures and procedures to prevent duplicate Lifeline benefits being awarded to the same household. These measures entail additional emphasis in written disclosures as well as live due diligence.⁴²

In addition to checking the database when it becomes available, Company personnel will emphasize the “one Lifeline phone per household” restriction in their direct sales contacts with potential customers.⁴³ Training materials include a discussion of the limitation to one Lifeline phone per household, and the need to ensure that the

⁴⁰ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 261; section 54.407(c)(2).

⁴¹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

⁴² See Cricket Compliance Plan at 9.

⁴³ See *id.* at 6, 9.

customer is informed of this restriction.⁴⁴ All Company personnel interacting with existing and potential Lifeline customers undergo training regarding the eligibility and certification requirements in the *Lifeline Reform Order* and this Compliance Plan.

Further, Absolute has taken a proactive approach to eliminating fraud amongst its agents and representatives. Absolute's agents are tracked by GPS so Absolute can track whether they are attending sales events when they submit new customers for enrollment electronically. Absolute conducts quality control "shopping" at its events whereby a Company representative will pose as a Lifeline customer and attempt to enroll in the Lifeline service without being eligible (e.g., without proof of eligibility or by stating that the person has Lifeline service already from another provider).

Database. When the National Lifeline Accountability Database ("National Database") becomes available, Absolute will comply with the requirements of new rule section 54.404. The Companies will query the National Database to determine whether a prospective subscriber is currently receiving a Lifeline service from another ETC and whether anyone else living at the prospective subscriber's residential address is currently receiving Lifeline service.⁴⁵

One-Per-Household. Absolute will implement the requirements of the *Lifeline Reform Order* to ensure that it provides only one Lifeline benefit per household⁴⁶ through

⁴⁴ See *id.*

⁴⁵ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 203. The Companies will also transmit to the National Database the information required for each new and existing Lifeline subscriber. See *Lifeline Reform Order*, §§ 189-195; section 54.404(b)(6). Further, Absolute will update each subscriber's information in the National Database within ten business days of any change, except for de-enrollment, which will be transmitted within one business day. See section 54.404(b)(8),(10).

⁴⁶ A "household" is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals

the use of its application and certification forms discussed above, internal database checks and its marketing materials discussed below. Upon receiving an application for the Companies' Lifeline service, the Companies will search their own internal records to ensure that they do not already provide Lifeline-supported service to someone at the same residential address.⁴⁷ If so, and the applicant lives at an address with multiple households, the Companies will require the applicant to complete and submit a written USAC document containing the following: (1) an explanation of the Commission's one-per-household rule; (2) a check box that an applicant can mark to indicate that he or she lives at an address occupied by multiple households; (3) a space for the applicant to certify that he or she shares an address with other adults who do not contribute income to the applicant's household and share in the household's expenses or benefit from the applicant's income, pursuant to the Commission's definition; and (4) the penalty for a consumer's failure to make the required one-per-household certification (*i.e.*, de-enrollment).⁴⁸ Further, if a subscriber provides a temporary address on his or her application/certification form collected as described above, the Companies will verify with the subscriber every 90 days that the subscriber continues to rely on that address.⁴⁹

Finally, Company personnel will inform each Lifeline applicant that he or she may be receiving Lifeline support under another name, and facilitate the applicant's

contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians. *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 74; section 54.400(h).

⁴⁷ *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 78 and *See Cricket Compliance Plan* at 7.

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ *See Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 89.

understanding of what constitutes “Lifeline-supported services,” and ability to determine whether he or she is already benefiting from Lifeline support, by informing the consumer that all Lifeline services may not be currently marketed under the name Lifeline.

Marketing Materials. Within the deadline provided in the *Lifeline Reform Order*, Absolute will include the following information regarding its Lifeline service on all marketing materials describing the service: (1) it is a Lifeline service,⁵⁰ (2) Lifeline is a government assistance program, (3) the service is non-transferable, (4) only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, (5) the program is limited to one discount per household; (6) what documentation is necessary for enrollment;⁵¹ (7) the ETC’s name; and (8) consumers who willfully make a false statement in order to obtain the Lifeline benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.⁵² These statements will be included in all print, audio video and web materials (including social networking media) used to describe or enroll customers in the Companies’ Lifeline service offering, as well as the Companies’ application forms and certification forms.⁵³ This specifically includes Absolute’s websites (www.absolutehomephones.com and (www.absolutemobilephones.com) and outdoor signage.⁵⁴ A sample of the Company’s marketing materials is included as Exhibit B.

⁵⁰ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 4.

⁵¹ See *id.*

⁵² See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 275; section 54.405(c).

⁵³ *Id.*

⁵⁴ *Id.*

G. Company Reimbursements From the Fund

To ensure that Absolute does not seek reimbursement from the Fund without a subscriber's consent, Absolute will certify, as part of each reimbursement request, that it is in compliance with all of the Commission's Lifeline rules and, to the extent required, has obtained valid certification and verification forms from each of the subscribers for whom it is seeking reimbursement.⁵⁵ Further, the Companies will transition the submission of their FCC Forms 497 to the eighth day of each month in order to be reimbursed the same month, and inform USAC, to the extent necessary, to transition its reimbursement process to actual claims rather than projected claims over the course of more than one month.⁵⁶ In addition, Absolute will keep accurate records as directed by USAC⁵⁷ and as required by new section 54.417 of the Commission's rules.

H. Annual Company Certifications

Absolute will submit an annual certification to USAC, signed by a Company officer under penalty of perjury, that Absolute: (1) has policies and procedures in place to review consumers' documentation of income- and program-based eligibility and ensure that its Lifeline subscribers are eligible to receive Lifeline services;⁵⁸ (2) is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures;⁵⁹ and (3) has obtained a valid

⁵⁵ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 128; section 54.407(d).

⁵⁶ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 302-306.

⁵⁷ See section 54.407(e).

⁵⁸ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 126; section 54.416(a)(1).

⁵⁹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 127; section 54.416(a)(2).

certification form for each subscriber for whom the carrier seeks Lifeline reimbursement.⁶⁰

In addition, the Companies will provide the results of its annual re-certifications/verifications on an annual basis to the Commission, USAC, the applicable state commission and the relevant Tribal governments (for subscribers residing on Tribal lands).⁶¹ Further, as discussed above, Companies will report annually to the Commission the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.⁶²

The Companies will also annually report to the Commission, USAC, and relevant state commissions and the relevant authority in a U.S. territory or Tribal government as appropriate,⁶³ the company name, names of the company's holding company, operating companies and affiliates, and any branding (such as a "dba" or brand designation) as well as relevant universal service identifiers for each entity by Study Area Code.⁶⁴ Absolute will report annually information regarding the terms and conditions of its Lifeline plans for voice telephony service offered specifically for low income consumers during the previous year, including the number of minutes provided and whether there are additional charges to the consumer for service, including minutes of use and/or toll calls.⁶⁵ Finally, the Companies will annually provide detailed information regarding service outages in the previous year, the number of complaints received and certification of compliance

⁶⁰ See section 54.416(a)(3).

⁶¹ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 132,148; section 54.416(b).

⁶² See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 257; section 54.405(e)(3).

⁶³ See section 54.422(c).

⁶⁴ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 296, 390; section 54.422(a).

⁶⁵ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 390; section 54.422(b)(5).

with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, as well as a certification that the Companies are able to function in emergency situations.⁶⁶

I. Cooperation with State and Federal Regulators

Absolute has cooperated and will continue to cooperate with federal and state regulators to prevent waste, fraud and abuse. More specifically, the Companies will:

- Make available state-specific subscriber data, including the names and addresses of Lifeline subscribers, to USAC and to each state public utilities commission where the Companies operate for the purpose of determining whether an existing Lifeline subscriber receives Lifeline service from another carrier;⁶⁷
- Assist the Commission, USAC, state commissions, and other ETCs in resolving instances of duplicative enrollment by Lifeline subscribers, including by providing to USAC and/or any state commission, upon request, the necessary information to detect and resolve duplicative Lifeline claims;
- Promptly investigate any notification that it receives from the Commission, USAC, or a state commission to the effect that one of its customers already receives Lifeline services from another carrier; and
- Immediately de-enroll any subscriber whom the Companies have a reasonable basis to believe⁶⁸ is receiving Lifeline-supported service from another ETC or is no longer eligible – whether or not such information is provided by the Commission, USAC, or a state commission.⁶⁹

II. Description of Lifeline Service Offerings⁷⁰

The Companies will offer their Lifeline service in the states where they are designated as an ETC⁷¹ and throughout the coverage area of Absolute's underlying

⁶⁶ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 389; section 54.422(b)(1)-(4).

⁶⁷ The Company anticipates that the need to provide such information will sunset following the implementation of the national duplicates database.

⁶⁸ See section 54.405(e)(1).

⁶⁹ See Cricket Compliance Plan at 10.

⁷⁰ See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

provider(s) TSB, Reunion and Sprint. The Companies' wireless Lifeline offering in Arkansas, Nevada and Puerto Rico will provide customers with an option of 100 or 250 anytime prepaid minutes per month at no charge. The minutes for the 100 minute plan are automatically rolled over for 90 days. The minutes for the 250 minute plan do not roll over. Lifeline customers can purchase additional bundles of minutes in denominations of 75 minutes (\$5.00), 250 minutes (\$13.50), 500 minutes (\$25.00) or 1,000 minutes (\$30.00) using TSB as the underlying carrier.⁷² Airtime "top-up" minutes are available for purchase at Absolute's retail locations and on its website. Text messaging is available for the 100 minute plan at the rate of 3 texts per one voice minute. Additional information regarding Companies' plans, rates and services can be found on its website (www.absolutemobilephones.com).

In addition to free voice services, the Companies' Lifeline plan will include a free handset and custom calling features at no charge, including Caller ID, Call Waiting and Voicemail. All plans include domestic long-distance at no extra per minute charge. Calls to 911 emergency services are always free, regardless of service activation or availability of minutes.

Absolute's prepaid wireline unlimited local Lifeline offering in North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky and Alabama is as follows:

⁷¹ Absolute Home Phones, Inc. is a provider of wireline services in North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky and Alabama. Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile is a provider of wireless services in Nevada and Arkansas. Absolute Mobile, Inc. is a provider of wireless services in Puerto Rico.

⁷² For customers who activated service before October 17, 2011, the options are 35 minutes (\$5.00), 75 minutes (\$10.00), 160 minutes (\$20.00), 270 minutes (\$30.00) and 700 minutes (\$50.00) using Reunion as the underlying carrier.

BASIC SERVICE	36.50 (plus tax)
PREMIER PACKAGE INCLUDES CALLER ID W/NAME, CALL WAITING, AND CALL WAITING ID	\$38.50 (plus tax)
COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDES CALLER ID W/NAME, CALL WAITING, CALLER WAITING ID, *69, 3-WAY, & CALL FORWARDING	\$48.50 (plus tax)
LIFELINE BASIC SERVICE	\$23.00 (plus tax)
LIFELINE PREMIER PACKAGE INCLUDES CALLER ID W/NAME, CALL WAITING, AND CALL WAITING ID	\$25.00 (plus tax)
LIFELINE COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDES CALLER ID W/NAME, CALL WAITING, CALLER WAITING ID, *69, 3-WAY, & CALL FORWARDING	\$35.00 (plus tax)

Absolute is developing bundled packages of voice and broadband service and plans to apply to participate in the broadband pilot program outlined in the *Lifeline Reform Order*.⁷³

III. Demonstration of Financial and Technical Capabilities and Certifications Required for ETC Designation⁷⁴

Financial and Technical Capabilities. Revised Commission rule 54.202(a)(4), 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(4), requires carriers petitioning for ETC designation to demonstrate financial and technical capability to comply with the Commission's Lifeline service requirements.⁷⁵ The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires that carriers' compliance plan include this demonstration. Among the factors the Commission will consider are: a carrier's prior offering of service to non-Lifeline subscribers, the length of time the carrier has been in business, whether the carrier relies exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement to operate, whether the carrier receives revenues from other sources and

⁷³ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 323-354.

⁷⁴ See Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

⁷⁵ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶¶ 387-388 (revising Commission rule 54.202(a)(4)).

whether the carrier has been the subject of an enforcement action or ETC revocation proceeding in any state.

Absolute has been providing telecommunications services since February, 2009. The Companies generate substantial revenues from non-Lifeline services and, consequently, have not and will not be relying exclusively on Lifeline reimbursement for the Companies' operating revenues. As discussed in Section II *supra*, Absolute provides Lifeline and non-Lifeline wireless and wireline services. Absolute receives revenues from these services and also has access to capital from its investors. The Companies have not been subject to enforcement sanctions or ETC revocation proceedings in any state.

Service Requirements Applicable to Company's Support. The Compliance Plan Public Notice requires carriers to include "certifications required under newly amended section 54.202 of the Commission's rules."⁷⁶ Absolute certifies that it will comply with the service requirements applicable to the support it receives.⁷⁷ The Companies provide all of the telecommunications service supported by the Lifeline program and will make the services available to all qualified consumers throughout the states in which they are designated as an ETC. Absolute's services include voice telephony services that provide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent. Further, the Companies' wireless service offerings provide their customers with a set number of minutes of use for local service at no charge to the customer. The Companies' current Lifeline offerings include packages in Section II *supra* that can be used for local and domestic toll service. The Companies' wireline service offers unlimited local calling.

⁷⁶ Compliance Plan Public Notice at 3.

⁷⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(1).

Absolute also will provide access to emergency services provided by local government or public safety officials, including 911 and E911 where available and will comply with any Commission requirements regarding E911-compatible handsets. As discussed above, the Companies will comply with the Commission's forbearance grant conditions relating to the provision of 911 and E911 services and handsets.

Finally, the Companies will not provide toll limitation service ("TLS") for their wireless service offering. Absolute Mobile, like most wireless carriers, does not differentiate domestic long distance toll usage from local usage and all usage is paid for in advance. Pursuant to the *Lifeline Reform Order*, subscribers to such services are not considered to have voluntarily elected to receive TLS.⁷⁸

With respect to Absolute's wireline service offering, Absolute will comply with any Commission requirements to offer TLS. Presently, the Company meets this obligation by providing toll limitation service in the form of a pre-set domestic long distance limit at no additional charge to its landline customers.

⁷⁸ See *Lifeline Reform Order*, ¶ 230.

IV. Conclusion

Absolute submits that its Compliance Plan fully satisfies the conditions set forth in the Commission's *Lifeline Reform Order*, the Compliance Plan Public Notice and the Lifeline rules. Accordingly, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously approve this Compliance Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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May 23, 2012

EXHIBIT A



Wireless Lifeline Service Application and Certification

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A complete and signed Lifeline Service Application and Certification ("Certification") is required to enroll you in Absolute Mobile's (the "Company's") Lifeline service program in your state. This Certification is only for the purpose of verifying your eligibility for Lifeline service and will not be used for any other purpose. Service requests will not be processed until this Form has been received and verified by Company.

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☐ By checking this box, I hereby certify that I have read and understood the disclosures listed above and that, to the best of my knowledge, my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service benefit.

Customer Application Information:

First Name Middle Initial		Last Name		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) / /	
Residential Address w/ street name & Apt Number (PO Box cannot be accepted)			City / State / Zip Code		
Billing Address (if different from Residential Address) (P.O. Box IS sufficient)			City / State / Zip Code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Address is Permanent (Must Choose One) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Address is Temporary			<input type="checkbox"/> Service Is New (Choose One) <input type="checkbox"/> Service Is Conversion		
Social Security Number or Tribal Number - -		Home Telephone / Contact Number () -		Email Address	

Would you like to receive texts or emails from our company about new service offerings or promotions?

☐ Yes ☐ No This information will be for company use only, & will not be shared with a third party company or organization.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Number of persons in Household _____

Do you or any member of your household currently receive Lifeline assistance at the above address? YES ☐ NO ☐

I hereby certify that I currently participate in at least one the following public assistance programs (Check One):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) |
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ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

Multiple households sharing and address:

☐ I hereby certify that I reside at an address occupied by multiple households, including adults who do not contribute income to my household and/or share in my household's expenses, and I will complete a separate additional form.

Activation and usage requirement disclosures: This service is a prepaid service and you must personally activate it by calling customer service.

To keep your account active, you must use your Lifeline service at least once during any 60 day period by completing an outbound call, purchasing additional minutes from Company, answering an in-bound call from someone other than Company, or by responding to a direct contact from

Company confirming that you want to continue receiving Lifeline service from Company. If your service goes unused for 60 days, you will no longer be eligible for Lifeline benefits and your service will be suspended (allowing only 911 calls and calls to the Company’s customer care center) subject to a 30 day cure period during which you may use the service (as described above) or contact the Company to confirm that you want to continue receiving Lifeline service from Company.

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Authorizations:

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I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

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- ☐ I am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return (unless over the age of 60)
- ☐ The address listed below is my primary residence, not a second home or business
- ☐ If I move to a new address, I will provide that new address to the Company within 30 days
- ☐ If I provided a temporary residential address to the Company, I will verify my temporary residential address every 90 days
- ☐ I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law
- ☐ I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify as to my continued eligibility within 30 days will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits
- ☐ The information contained in this certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Applicant’s Signature:

Date:

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Documents Acceptable Proof for Income-Eligibility (check 1):

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- ☐ A Veterans Administration statement of benefits,
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- ☐ An Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits,
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List B - Choose 1:

- ☐ Program participation card/document
- ☐ Prior year’s statement of benefits
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- ☐ Other official document evidencing participation

Documents Acceptable Proof for Program-Eligibility (choose 1 from each list A and B below):

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- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
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Authorizations:

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The Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Is Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

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- ☐ If I provided a temporary residential address to the Company, I will verify my temporary residential address every 90 days
- ☐ I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law
- ☐ I acknowledge that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time, and my failure to re-certify as to my continued eligibility within 30 days will result in de-enrollment and the termination of my Lifeline benefits
- ☐ The information contained in this certification form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
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For Agent Use Only (check the appropriate boxes for the proof of eligibility viewed; do not copy or retain documentation):

Documents Acceptable Proof for Income-Eligibility (check 1):

- ☐ The prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return,
- ☐ Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub,
- ☐ A Social Security statement of benefits,
- ☐ A Veterans Administration statement of benefits,
- ☐ A retirement/pension statement of benefits,
- ☐ An Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits,
- ☐ Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance, or
- ☐ A divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three months' time.

List B - Choose 1:

- ☐ Program participation card/document
- ☐ Prior year's statement of benefits
- ☐ Notice letter of participation
- ☐ Other official document evidencing participation

Documents Acceptable Proof for Program-Eligibility (choose 1 from each list A and B below):

List A - Choose 1

- ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ☐ National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

Applicant Account Number	Rep/Agent Signature

Household Size	135% Income Requirement	Household Size	135% Income Requirement
1	\$ 11,170	5	\$ 27,010
2	\$ 15,130	6	\$30,970
3	\$ 19,090	7	\$34,930
4	\$23,050	8	\$38,890

Each additional person Add \$3,960

EXHIBIT B



Absolute Mobile provides FREE and discounted cell phone service to qualifying families and individuals. We believe having reliable cell phone service is a right, not a privilege and want to give you the freedom to communicate without having to lock you into long-term contracts and confusing plans. There are no gimmicks, no deposits, no credit checks.

With Absolute Mobile, qualifying individuals receive a free cell phone, free monthly minutes, free Caller ID, free Call Waiting and free Voice Mail. **PLUS, you will get 100 free bonus minutes for every eligible person you refer who activates service.** There is no limit to how many people you can refer each month. Simply give the attached Refer a Friend card to your friends and family members so they can sign up, too! This will give them access to the same great service and the opportunity to refer as many friends as they choose.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I qualify?

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- Medicaid
- National School Lunch (free program only)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Income at or below 175% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Proof of income or program participation is required

Who is my Cell Phone Carrier?

The Eligible Telecommunications Carrier is Absolute Home Phones, Inc. dba Absolute Mobile.

Where is the service available?

Right now Absolute Mobile is providing service in the state of Nevada.

What is included in my package? (select only one plan)

Plan 1: 250 minutes with NO rollover NO texting.

Plan 2: 100 Minutes with 90 days rollover and 3 texts per minute of voice.

(Minutes will top up each month automatically)

How can I purchase additional minutes?

Additional minutes can be purchased by calling customer service or 611.

If my phone is lost or stolen, how can I replace it?

Replacement handsets can be purchased by calling our Customer Service Department. It may take 7-10 business days for the replacement to be received.

How can I check my minutes?

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Can games and ringtones be downloaded?

Most phones come preloaded with games but at this time Absolute Mobile does not provide Data pages.

Before Using Your Phone, Please Verify That You Have Done The Following:

- Installed the battery into the handset
- Installed the battery door onto the handset
- Charged your phone for 2 to 4 hours

Your new phone should now be ready to use. If you need any additional assistance, please call 888-740-9728.

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- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) (Formerly Food Stamps)
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- Federal Public Housing (HUD/Section 8)
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What is the process?
The process is easy. No Deposits!! Everyone will start off with a zero balance and in most cases be able to keep your current number, if you have one. Get your LIFELINE form filled out and mail it to us TODAY. We are able to provide your discounted service with this form.

What is included in my package?
Our most popular LIFELINE program is our Premier Package, which includes caller ID with name, call waiting, and call waiting ID as well as Free Activation and UNLIMITED Local and Long Distance Service! Remember this is FREE for your first month.

Can I refer someone for credit?
Yes! In fact, for every eligible person you refer that signs up, you get a \$20.00 credit that goes toward your monthly bill!

Just have an eligible friend or family member call or fill out the Refer-A-Friend form and mail to us to sign up for service. Make sure they mention your name or write it down on the form! Any friends or family members referred that want Lifeline service must be eligible to receive Lifeline service and complete the enrollment process. If you are receiving Lifeline service, other members of your household will be not eligible to receive Lifeline service.

Where is the service area?
The eligible telecommunications carrier, Absolute Home Phones, Inc. is proud to serve Florida, Kentucky, and North Carolina with GREAT phone service and UNMATCHED customer service.

Service Plan Prices

Basic Service	\$36.50 (Plus Tax)
Premier Package	\$38.50 (Plus Tax)
Includes caller ID with name, call waiting, and call waiting ID	
Complete Package.....	\$48.50 (Plus Tax)
Includes caller ID with name, call waiting, caller waiting ID, *69, 3-way, & call forwarding	
Lifeline Basic Service	\$23.00 (Plus Tax)
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